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SECURITY SYSTEM AT STATIONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the US-based Rand Corporation Report India faced the highest number of attacks on its rail network from terrorists and anti-social elements; and

(b) if so, the manner in which the Railways are planning to upgrade and modernize the security at railway stations and on its rail network?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a) As per intelligence inputs, Indian Railways is a soft target for terrorists in India and a few cases of attack from terrorists and anti social elements on rail network have been reported over Indian Railways.

(b) 185 Railway Stations including 17 metro stations over Indian Railway have been identified as sensitive where security systems are proposed to be upgraded. The following steps are being taken to provide adequate security at all the important railway stations:-

1. Modern security gadgets like- Close Circuit Televisions and Cameras, Deep Search Metal Detectors, Scanner Machines, etc. are being installed.

2. Sniffer Dogs are being/have been deployed for checking of Coaches, Parcels, Baggage, station area and searching of explosives.

3. Round the clock announcements over Public Address system as well as by Mega phones by Railway Protection Force to alert the public in coaches.

4. Use of Door Frame Metal Detectors at every entry point.

5. Use of Hand Held Metal Detectors to check the passenger's belongings in trains and at stations.

6. Dragon search lights are being used for escorting of Mail/Express trains and track patrolling

7 Adequate officers/staff have been deployed regularly to ensure the safety and security of the passengers.

8. Continuous extensive drives are being made by the officers/staff in the Railway stations to avoid untoward incidents.

9. Access control has been introduced in coordination with Government Railway Police.

10. Presence of Railway Protection Force/ Government Railway Police staff at stations has been augmented.

11. Specialized training is imparted to Railway Protection Force officers / Staff to fight against any adverse situation like terrorist attack etc.

12. Communication system of Railway Protection Force has been improved by providing Mobile phones, walkie-talkies, Very High Frequency sets etc.